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SUMMARY: OVER 60 INTERVENTIONS WERE MADE AS PROGRAM TRENDS AND SPECIFIC PROGRAM PROPOSALS WERE REVIEWED. TWELVE COUNTRY PROGRAMS AND ONE GLOBAL PROJECT WERE FINALLY APPROVED. END SUMMARY.

1. WHILE COUNCIL DEVOTED TWO FULL DAYS OF DISCUSSION TO THIS ITEM, DELEGATIONS CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO REFER TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS UNDER REVIEW. UNDP ADMINISTRATOR INTRODUCED SUBJECT, FOLLOWED BY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PROGRAM, POLICY AND EVALUATION. VIRTUALLY ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS TOOK THE FLOOR.

2. THE QUALITY OF THE PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION WAS PRAISED AND CONTRASTED FAVORABLY TO THE SET OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL LAST JANUARY.

3. THERE WAS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE THAT UNDP-SPECIALIZED
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AGENCY RELATIONS HAD IMPROVED DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO INITIATIVES OF THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR.

4. TCDC WAS SEEN BY SEVERAL LDC'S AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAM PROCESS. THE UK ASKED FOR PRACTICAL EXAMPLES OF TCDC TO BE REFLECTED IN THE COUNTRY PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION. KUWAIT SAW TCDC AS A "DYNAMIC

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PROCESS." THE UNDP SECRETARIAT HOWEVER RESPONDED QUERYING WHETHER THE COUNTRY PROGRAM WAS THE APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT TO REFLECT TCDC.

5. GOVERNMENT EXECUTION WAS STRESSED BY A NUMBER OF LDC'S. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT RECIPIENT COUNTRIES THEMSELVES LED TO PRONOUNCE THEIR READINESS IN ACCEPTING SUCH RESPONSIBILITY.

6. THE TREND TOWARDS FEWER RESIDENT EXPERTS AND MORE SHORT-TERM CONSULTANTS WAS NOTED. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL PRAISE FOR SMALLER EQUIPMENT COMPONENTS IN THE COUNTRY PROGRAMS SUBMITTED--THIS CONTRASTED TO THE DOCUMENTATION PRESENTED LAST JANUARY.

7. THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT WAS HIGH-LIGHTED IN A LARGE NUMBER OF STATEMENTS (AUSTRALIA, SWITZERLAND, IRAN, YEMEN, NORWAY, ETC.), EACH CITING TRENDS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES FAVORING THE PROCESS.

8. THE PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION TO EMERGE WAS PRESENTED BY CANADA. REPEATING A THEME THE CANADIAN DELEGATION HAD DISCUSSED INFORMALLY AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL SESSIONS, THE CANADIANS FORMALLY TABLED A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO SIT ALONGSIDE THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO DEVOTE MORE UNCLASSIFIED

TIME AND ATTENTION TO UNDP PROGRAM ISSUES. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION SUBSEQUENTLY MODIFIED ITS PROPOSAL AFTER INDIA AND PAKISTAN QUESTIONED ITS FEASIBLITY. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW.

9. THE QUESTION OF COST-SHARING WAS RECEIVED GENERALLY FAVORABLY WITH REGARD TO ITS IMPACT ON UNDP ADMINISTRA-TION. THE BRAZILIANS SUGGESTED THAT THE CURRENT CEILING ON COST-SHARING BE LIFTED.

10. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SPOKE ABOUT THE ROAD TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA. BURUNDI, SENEGAL AND SIERRA LEONE ASKED FOR SPECIAL SUPPORT. FRANCE ENDORSED THE DECADE.

11. ALL OF THE TWELVE COUNTRY PROGRAMS WERE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

12. THE GLOBAL SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT ALSO WAS APPROVED. THE DUTCH AND FRG EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD. VANDEN HEUVEL

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